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SUBJECT: FOREIGN OFFICE VIEW ON THE MIDDLE EAST

REFS: (A) STATE 124776; (B) TEL AVIV 3772

1. WE BRIEFED THE FOREIGN OFFICE (ACTING DIRECTOR FOR NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS) ON JUNE 2 ALONG LINES PROVIDED IN REFTEL A. OUR CONTACT SAID HE HAD JUST SEEN A REPORT FROM THE FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ON THE SAME SUBJECT AND THAT TIMELY BRIEFINGS SUCH AS THESE WERE MOST APPRECIATED.

2. OUR CONTACT OBSERVED THAT MUCH OF WHAT WAS REPORTED HAD ALREADY BEEN OUTLINED IN THE PRESS. HE SAID THE FONOFF FOUND THIS A REFRESHING CHANGE FROM THE SECRET DIPLOMACY OF FORMER DAYS WHEN ONE NEVER KNEW HOW MUCH OF THE STORY ONE WAS MISSING.

3. THE FRG SHARES THE OPINION EXPRESSED BY THE PRESIDENT THAT WE MUST TAKE A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE NEW ISRAELI GOVERNMENT. SO FAR, THE FRG HAS REFRAINED FROM ANY PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS ON THE LIKUD VICTORY AND ANY IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS WILL HAVE TO WAIT
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UNTIL COALITION NEGOTIATIONS ARE COMPLETED. IN THE FONOFF'S PRELIMINARY VIEWHOWEVER, BEGIN'S VICTORY DOES POSE A NEW OBSTACLE TO SUCCESSFUL MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, THE NEW GOVERNMENT MUST BE GIVEN TIME TO FORMULATE ITS OWN POSITION, WHICH IN ALL LIKELIHOOD WILL DEVIATE SIGNIFICANTLY FROM BEGIN'S CAMPAIGN RHETORIC.

4. BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FRG AND ISRAEL ARE UNLIKELY TO REMAIN UNAFFECTED BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT. AS TEL AVIV POINTS OUT IN REF B, BEGIN HIMSELF CARRIES A CLEAR ANTI-GERMAN BIAS. NEVERTHELESS, OUR CONTACT ANTICIPATES THAT BEGIN'S PERSONAL FEELINGS ARE LIKELY TO BE DILUTED BY THE ATTITUDES OF HIS COALITION PARTNERS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE FRG EMBASSY IN TAL AVIV REPORTS THAT THE LEADER OF THE LIBERAL FACTION OF BEGIN'S LIKUD TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO AN IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS UNDER THE NEW GOVERNMENT. CERTAINLY DAYAN AS FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD RECOGNIZE THE NECESSITY FOR CONTINUING THE TERMS OF THE "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN THE FRG AND ISRAEL.

5. OUR CONTACT HYPOTHESIZED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY DETERIORATION IN RELATIONS IS LIKELY TO SPRING FROM EVENTS IN THE UN RATHER THAN IN BONN OR TEL AVIV. HE IS CONCERNED THAT, SHOULD THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT REFUSE TO CONSIDER A RETURN OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE MIGHT REACH THE FLOOR OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. IF IT DID, THE FRG OPPOSITION TO IT WOULD NOT BE AUTOMATIC. THE FRG MIGHT WELL HAVE TO SUPPORT THE MEASURE AND ACCEPT ALL THE ATTENDANT RISKS FOR ITS BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.
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